

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord, our God, we pause at the beginning of the day's business to acknowledge You, to glorify You, and to sing the praises of Your name.

For in this season of celebration and festivities, it is You who has spread a wondrous feast before us. For each and every person, You provide a banquet of graces; You fill us with the bounty of Your goodness.

Long ago, You formed a plan, a wonderful purpose, certain and sure, for our redemption from all that darkens our world and overwhelms our spirits. You desire our salvation from the shame of our suffering and the guilt in our hearts.

When we seek shelter from the storm, You are our stronghold. When we need shade from the heat, You are our strength.

When the words of the cruel are like a wintry blast, their insults like a scorching drought, You are our rescue.

We wait upon You, O God our Savior. Wipe away the tears from our faces that we would be glad in Your presence and rejoice in the hope we have in You.

In the power of Your name we pray.  
Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RUTHERFORD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

(Ms. KUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, the Supreme Court is poised to make one of the most consequential rulings for women and their bodies in over a generation. For nearly 50 years, women have come to rely upon the precedent of *Roe v. Wade* and the freedom to make their own reproductive decisions without government interference in our personal lives. Now our freedoms are under attack as the Court considers a case asking for *Roe v. Wade* to be overturned.

As an adoption attorney for 25 years, I worked with more than 300 birth mothers making the most difficult and personal decision of their lives. They consulted family, loved ones, and doctors, but not one birth mother looked to the government to make that choice for her.

Earlier this year we passed the Women's Health Protection Act, legislation to codify the constitutional right to safe, legal abortion. Regardless of the Court's decision, we must make this bill law to permanently protect the reproductive freedoms of women across this land.

#### RECOGNIZING DEBI BUTLER WITH BRAIN HEALTH NOW

(Mr. FEENSTRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FEENSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Debi Butler with Brain Health Now. Debi is leading an effort to end the stigma surrounding mental illness by shifting the conversation to brain health.

As a parent and former educator, I know how important it is to pay close attention to brain health. Today, one in five Americans suffer from behavioral health conditions, such as depression and PTSD. The majority of these people will not seek treatment, partly due to the stigma that surrounds brain health. Tragically, this leads to suicides being up and the second leading cause of death amongst people aged 10 to 34.

Brain health should be treated the same way as physical health, and while I am glad to have seen many strides in this session, we have more work to do.

I am grateful for Debi, and I look forward to working together on this critical issue that we can all call things brain health.

#### DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I just left the Supreme Court where people were chanting: liberate abortion everywhere.

Earlier today and right now the Supreme Court is hearing a case challenging Mississippi's 15-week abortion

ban. During oral arguments, the State of Mississippi repeatedly asked the Court to overturn its own long-held precedent for 58 years in *Roe v. Wade*.

Should that happen, more than 36 million people in 26 States would immediately be deprived of the right to abortion overnight. These restrictions mostly harm people of color, young people, and people of low-income.

Earlier this year, in anticipation of this Court case, the House passed the Women's Health Protection Act which would establish a statutory right to abortion care across our country.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and the Senate to pass this legislation immediately so that all people are free to make their own decisions about their bodies. There is no democracy in this country if women cannot make decisions about their own healthcare and their bodies.

#### CONGRATULATING DAN GLESSING, 14TH PRESIDENT OF THE MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dan Glessing, the newest president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. Dan has served as vice president and as a member of the Minnesota Farm Bureau board for more than 8 years. He recently was elected to serve as the 14th president of the bureau on November 19 following the announcement of Kevin Paap's retirement in March after serving 16 years in his position as president.

Our office and I personally have been fortunate to know and work with Dan for many years already. Dan and his family are the definition of the great American farming tradition. He has always been a steadfast advocate for our State's farmers and producers. I am proud that Dan, his wife, Seena, and the entire Glessing family call Minnesota's Sixth District home.

There are many challenges ahead for Dan, but I know he will continue to be a leader for all of Minnesota's farmers, ranchers, producers, and agribusinesses. I congratulate Dan on his new leadership role, and I look forward to working with him and everyone at the Minnesota Farm Bureau on behalf of Minnesota's agriculture community.

#### REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE HANGS IN THE BALANCE

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, this morning oral arguments began at the Supreme Court for a case that many expect could overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Despite nearly 50 years of Court precedent and overwhelming public support for abortion rights, *Roe* and

access to reproductive healthcare hangs in the balance.

This issue is deeply personal to the women I represent in New Hampshire, and the last thing they want to see is a politician or a judge taking away their bodily autonomy. We are better off as a country with Roe as the law of the land. It supports the health and economic well-being of women and families. Still, we know that legislatures and Governors from Mississippi to Texas to New Hampshire are enacting extreme laws that punish doctors and take away women's rights. This must be stopped.

That is why, regardless of what happens in this case, it is essential that the Senate joins the House in passing the Women's Health Protection Act. My constituents and the American people want abortion to be safe, legal, and accessible. This legislation will uphold that concept for the country even if the Court abandons it.

#### OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION OF CASH BAIL

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, increasingly across this Nation and here in Washington, the voices of victims are being drowned out by radicals on the left seeking to eliminate cash bail. These people would rather see criminals walk free on our streets than see the rule of law upheld and our communities protected.

Without appropriate incentives to appear before the court, we run the risk of defendants fleeing justice while victims and their families are left with nothing but fear and anguish.

We cannot allow our system to fail them as it did in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Prior to plowing into a Christmas parade, convicted felon and career criminal, Darrell Brooks, was released on an inappropriately low \$1,000 bond after being arrested on a slew of charges. That is astonishing to me. With his record, Mr. Brooks' bail should have never been so low, if awarded at all.

So the next time my colleagues across the aisle suggest eliminating the cash bail system, I ask them to think of this tragedy and of the victims. Our bail system keeps criminals off the streets and our communities safe.

#### NETHERLAND-AMERICA FOUNDATION

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, 100 years ago today a group of Dutch Americans, including future President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, established the Netherland-America Foundation to strengthen ties between our two great countries. Over the past 100 years the

Netherland-America Foundation has accomplished this mission through organizing and sponsoring cultural exchange programs on topics as varied as art and science to business, public affairs, and historic preservation.

As the son of a Dutch immigrant, I am honored to cochair, with my colleague Representative HUIZENGA, the bipartisan Dutch Caucus which shares NAF's goals of growing and deepening the exchange of ideas and culture between America and Holland.

A similar message of friendship and goodwill is being delivered to the Dutch Parliament today, speaking to the ever-deepening bond between our two countries and great democracies.

I know I speak on behalf of all members of the Dutch Caucus when I congratulate the foundation on their achievements over the past 100 years and the lasting impact they have had in encouraging the unique friendship between our two countries. I look forward to another century of the U.S. and Netherlands sharing, growing, and working together.

#### REDBANK VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Redbank Valley Trails Association for winning the 2021 Thomas Petri Recreational Trails Program Achievement Award. This award recognizes top-notch projects that use recreational trails program funds to improve local trails.

In 2018, the Redbank Valley Trails Association and Allegheny Valley Land Trust completed the Climax Tunnel Rehabilitation project. Because the Redbank Valley Trail is a former rail corridor, much of the trail consists of old bridges and stone archways. To keep the trail functional and safe, restoring the tunnels, bridges, and arches are necessary.

Located in western Pennsylvania, the Redbank Valley Trail is a 51-mile non-motorized trail maintained mainly by volunteers.

Madam Speaker, after spending 30 years in the healthcare field before coming to Congress, I understand the importance of physical activity to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The Redbank Valley Trail is a great option for residents and visitors alike to explore the great outdoors.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful for the Allegheny Land Trust for their dedication to keeping the Redbank Valley Trail healthy and accessible for years to come.

#### DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today the Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments for the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This case is the first time in 50 years that the Court is hearing a case that directly challenges *Roe v. Wade*.

Half of the States in the country are poised to ban abortion entirely if the Court overturns *Roe* through trigger laws. Everyone should have the freedom to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions—not politicians.

Now, I am one of the one in four women who have had an abortion. I remember the days when abortion was criminalized way before *Roe v. Wade*.

Now, Madam Speaker, I survived. But many women, especially Black women, died. We will not go back to the days of unsafe abortions. These lives impact everyone but have a disproportionate impact on Black, Latina, indigenous people, and people of color.

This also is about economic justice, racial equity, and the freedom to make decisions over one's life and one's reproductive healthcare. Abortions must be safe, they must be legal, and they must be accessible. The Senate must pass Congresswoman JUDY CHU's Women's Health Protection Act so we can ensure that we protect the right to safe, legal, and accessible abortions.

#### RELIGIOUS CONTRACTORS FINAL RULE

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I stand in strong opposition to the Department of Labor's attack on religious freedom. The Department of Labor's proposal to rescind protections for religious Federal contractors demonstrates how hostile the Biden administration is to the free exercise of religion when it bucks up against progressive priorities.

Prior to President Trump's rule clarifying the rights and obligations of religious Federal contractors, religious organizations were reluctant to seek Federal contracts. If the rule is rescinded, religious organizations will, once again, be dissuaded from competing for these contracts. This will lead to less competition for Federal contracts, meaning the American people will pay a higher price for Federal projects.

Religious organizations should be able to compete for contracts on a level playing field without having to compromise their faith. The Biden administration apparently disagrees. It is of the utmost importance to protect our very first right—the religious freedom of all Americans—including Federal contractors.

#### CELEBRATING JOSEPHINE BAKER

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House